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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 22

1. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "ARMS-CURB COMPROMISE TIED TO SOVIET GOODWILL" BY HENRY TREWHITT, DATELINE WASHINGTON. CITES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION ON NEW ARMS-CONTROL AGREEMENT. STATES THAT FAILURE TO AGREE ON SALT II COULD CANCEL BREZHNEV VISIT, ALREADY POSTPONED FROM JUNE TO SOMETIME IN FALL, AND WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR WHOLE DETENTE PROCESS.

2. SUN (PAGE 5) HEADLINE "MANDEL SAYS RUSSIANS DENY 'JEWISH PROBLEM'" BY MICHAEL PARKS, DATELINE MOSCOW. VISIT OF EIGHT AMERICAN GOVERNORS TO SOVIET UNION MARKED BY HEATED DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON ISSUE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION, GOVERNOR MANDEL OF MARYLAND SAID YESTERDAY. GOVERNORS HAVE SAID THAT CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH EMIGRATION LIKELY TO HAMPER OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AS WELL AS NORMALIZATION OF TRADE RELATIONS.

3. SUN (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "WEST BERLIN IS 'ACID TEST' OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DETENTE, KISSINGER DECLARES," AND NYT (PAGE 12) HEADLINE

"KISSINGER, IN BERLIN, AFFIRMS U.S. DEFENSE OF ALLIES."

4. NYT (PAGE 5) HEADLINE "SAIGON IS GETTING SOVIET GASOLINE -- 3 TANKERS, FIRST RUSSIAN SHIPS TO ARRIVE, CARRY BADLY NEEDED FUEL," DATELINE SAIGON.

5. CSM (PAGE 3) TWO ARTICLES BY STAFF WRITERS, ONE HEADLINED "KISSINGER SCORES POINTS, REASSURES ALLIES -- SOVIETS AGREE TO DELAY GENEVA TALKS," A RESUME OF SECRETARY'S TRIP WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REFERRED TO RUSSIAN RECOGNITION THEY ALSO HAVE STAKE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE NOT FAILING. THE OTHER, HEADLINED "LIBYA AND SOVIETS SMILE; EGYPT MUTTERS" DISCUSSES LAST WEEK'S KOSYGIN VISIT TO LIBYA AND STATES SOVIET-LIBYA RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS DECLINED AFTER THE 1973 WAR.

6. CSM (PAGE 31) COLUMN BY CHARLES YOST, "THE GENIE KEEPS GROWING" CONCERNING DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. IF NUCLEAR POWERS, ESPECIALLY US AND USSR, SET A RESPONSIBLE AND SELF-DENYING EXAMPLE, OTHERS WILL FOLLOW. OTHERWISE, THERE WILL PROBABLY BE ANARCHY OF THE MOST FATAL KIND.

7. CSM (PAGE 31) LETTER FROM ALBERT WEEKS TAKES ISSUE WITH ZORZA THAT SHELEPIN IS DOWN AND OUT.

8. WP (PAGE 31) VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN HEADLINED "PROBING BREZHNEV'S VULNERABILITY" CITES ARGUMENT THAT BREZHNEV HAS LOCKED HIMSELF INTO A TIGHT TIME-TABLE WHICH MAKES HIM VULNERABLE TO WESTERN PRESSURE. INGERSOLL

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